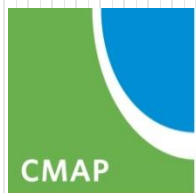


# Recommendations for Fairmont's Safe Routes to Schools Grant

**A Collaboration of  
FLIP, CMAP,  
and the Fairmont Community**



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# Who are we?



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# Why are we doing this?

- CMAP/FLIP & Will County
- Safe Routes to School
- Community Feedback
  - Surveys
  - Student Opinions
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# Why are we doing this?

By speaking to many stakeholders in Fairmont, including those who have lived here for many years, we have learned that this is a special community.

Over the years, residents of Fairmont have worked together to bring improvements and services to the community.

We think that this sidewalk project represents the same spirit, and so we have been happy to help out.



# Project Area



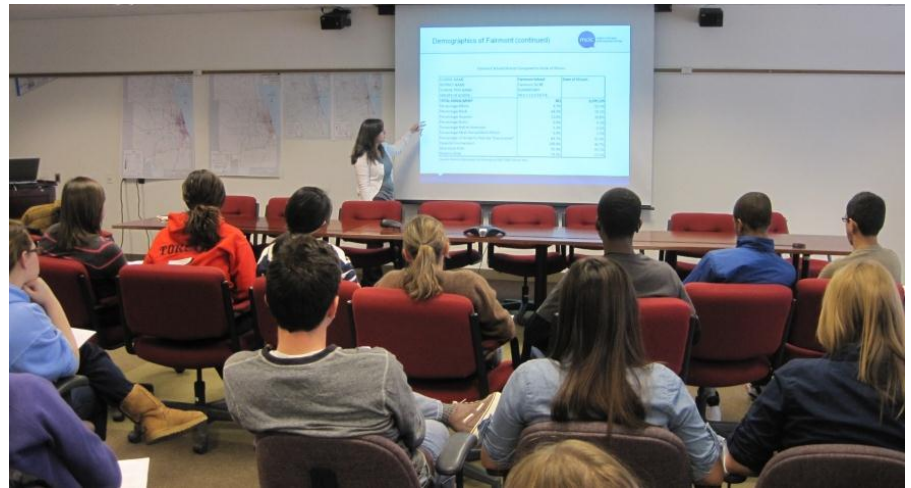
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# Research

- October
  - Met with stakeholders
- November
  - Visited Fairmont Elementary
- January
  - Data Research
- February
  - Visited Lockport High School
    - Interact



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# Recommendation 1

**Facilitate an event to accompany the completion of the sidewalk that will raise awareness and engage residents around safety issues in the community, leading to increased community cohesion**



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# Challenges

- Awareness
- Public announcement
- Encouragement



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# Assets

- Existing assets
- High level of involvement from community stakeholders





# Opportunity: Block Party

- Celebrating the goal of the grant
- Appreciating everybody's efforts



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# We Can Make This Work !

- Example : Memphis community



# Expectations

- Neighborhood oriented environment
- Banners
- Artwork
- Food/beverages
- Music
- Games
- Lots of fun







## Recommendation 2

Improve the safety of students who walk to school through programmatic initiatives, and improve safety for students who travel to school by car or bicycle through small physical enhancements



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# Challenges

- Lack of sidewalks
- Safety
- Lack of students walking or riding bikes to school
- Parent involvement



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# Assets

- Community support



# Opportunity: Safety Patrol

- *Your participation is key!*
- AAA is a great resource that can help get your program started!
- Safety is the number one objective







# Opportunity: Walking School Bus

A way to help keep kids safer  
while getting to school



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# Recommendation 3

**Incorporate sustainable principles,  
methods, and materials into the sidewalk  
design to increase longevity and  
environmental benefit**



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# Challenges

- Flooded Sidewalks
- Pollution
- Lacking Visual Appeal



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# Assets

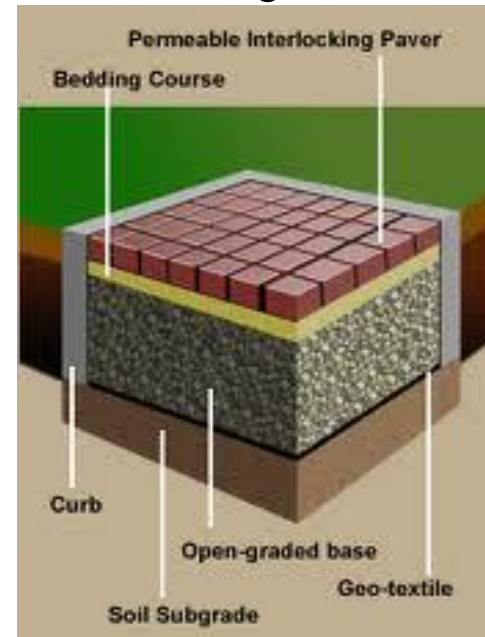
- Environmentally  
Friendly Community





# Opportunity: Environmentally Friendly Solutions

- Conventional Walkway
  - Reduce Flooding
  - Reduce Pollution
  - Ideal: Permeable Pavers
- Native Plants
  - Add Visual Appeal
  - Reduce Muddiness
  - Drain Impurities



# In Fairmont...

The lack of sidewalks jeopardizes students' safety



# Thank you!

We would like to thank all the people who have helped us learn about this project and the Fairmont community.

Please take some time to look at the work done by the Mapping Team and the 3-D Modeling Team, and to leave us some feedback.



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